

On motion of Mr. Alexander, said bill was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Monday next, the 20th instant;

The hour having arrived for taking up the orders of the day, the house proceeded to consider the first order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Carpinter, chairman of the committee of the whole house, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland;

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members;

On motion of Mr. Keene, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper;

The bill reported by Mr. Primrose, chairman of the committee on crimes and punishments, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act concerning crimes and punishments passed at November session 1809, chap. 138, was taken up for consideration;

On motion of Mr. Primrose, said bill was amended by inserting as the 2nd. section thereof the following:

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several county courts of this State, and the city court of Baltimore, in sentencing convicts to the Penitentiary, to sentence them for such a period as will expire between the first day of April, and the last day of August, any thing in the laws heretofore passed on this subject to the contrary notwithstanding.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

The bill reported by Mr. Brengle, entitled, an act to authorise the Levy Court of Frederick county to abandon a certain road,

Was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled, an act relating to the City Dock, in the city of Baltimore,

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Mineral Company of Baltimore county, endorsed 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the Orphans' Court of Harford county, to order a sale of part of the estate of John F. Wheeler, deceased, for the support and edu